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| Applicant: Tams et al.   | : |                         |
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2004 and made final.